



# Traffic Light Colors for Accordion Paragraphs

Use the colors of a traffic light to help you write a paragraph.

**GO!**

**green**

**Go!**

Write a topic sentence.

**SLOW  
DOWN!**

**yellow**

**Slow down!**

Give a reason, detail, or fact.

Use a transition.

**STOP!**

**red**

**Stop!**

Explain. Give an example.

**GO  
BACK!**

**green**

**Go back!**

Remind the reader of your topic.

## Writing a Paragraph

The three colors of the traffic light help me remember how to write a simple paragraph. First, I use green to get me going. My topic sentence is green; it tells the reader what I am going to prove, explain, describe, or share. Next, yellow reminds me to slow down and support my topic with good reasons, interesting facts, or well-described details. I introduce my reasons, details, or facts with transitions. Finally, I see red and it reminds me to stop. Red examples, explanations, evidence, and events bring my paragraph to life. My conclusion, of course, is green because I go back to my topic and use my last sentence to remind the reader of the topic.